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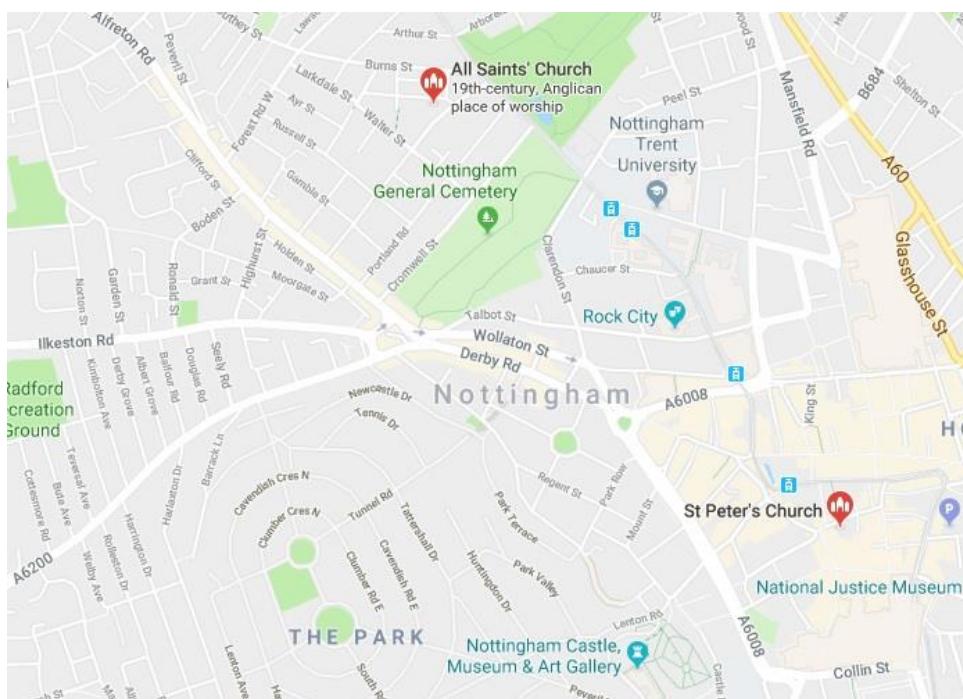
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From the Rector...

The Reverend Christopher Harrison

Welcome to the first edition of our new parish magazine!

Now that the former combined parish has reverted to two separate parishes, we feel that it is a good moment for a magazine re-launch. This magazine, for the churches of All Saints and St Peter's, will be produced in the parish office on a monthly basis, although there may sometimes be editions which cover two months (such as at Christmas and July/August).



Please do submit contributions for the magazine to Adele Siepmann, by email if possible (office@nottinghamchurches.org) although, in a world which increasingly discriminates against those who do not use email, we wish to assure readers that handwritten or typed material is more than welcome! We will be delighted to consider for publication any item which may be of general interest to our congregations and to a wider readership. Contributions may be related to church matters, whether these concern local issues or concerns of wider relevance; they may also cover broader issues if it is felt that these may be of concern or interest to readers. Light hearted contributions are just as welcome as more serious reading! Material for the magazine should be submitted by the 20th day of the month before the month of publication; please note that editorial decisions may sometimes have to be made regarding what can be included.

There are several highlights in our churches over the coming weeks. We are delighted to welcome members of the Chinese 'New Enlightening Word (NEW)' Church to the morning service at All Saints' on 4th February. Their Pastor, Rev Nim Kam To, will give the sermon, and the service will be followed by a shared lunch. The NEW church worships at All Saints' on Sunday afternoons, and I look forward to developing our links with them further. On 11th February, Danielle Brown, a reader at St James' church Porchester, will speak about the work of the Mothers' Union at the 10.45 service at St Peter's. Then on Sunday 18th February at 4.30 pm at All Saints', there will be a service to commemorate homeless people who have died, organised in partnership with Emmanuel House and Framework.

The new vicar of St Mary's, the Rev'd Tom Gillum, will be licensed to that parish on Sunday 18th March at 4.00 pm, at a service to be led by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Rev'd Paul Williams. All are of course welcome at that service, and I hope that our churches will be well represented. We wish Tom and his family every blessing as he takes up his new responsibilities, following a period as interim chaplain to Bishop Paul. I hope that many elements of the partnership which developed between our churches and St Mary's over recent years will endure, such as personal friendships, co-operation in certain areas of ministry and mission, and the occasional event which will involve us all.

As we move further into 2018, however, each parish is now giving fresh thought and energy to its own development, and I look forward to leading this process in the parish of St Peter and All Saints. In this context, the PCC is exploring the possibility of making links with a new national network of churches which is being established by St Martin in the Fields church in London. This group is bringing together a growing group of churches which share a similar ethos, whose ministry can be said to be 'at the heart of culture, community and commerce, with those at the margins and on the edge'.

May I, finally, encourage you to pass on this magazine to others when you have finished with it, and indeed to take copies to give to your friends. I hope that over the coming months our magazine will develop into something which will show to the wider community of Nottingham something of the life we share as members of St Peter's and All Saints' churches, in a parish where each individual is of value and importance in our life together and under God.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Not so much younger, wider, deeper as old, narrow and shallow. We don't knit and natter but Scrabble and shout and will shortly resume our Saturday Matinee of old films for old folks.

However, our fellow worshippers - Nottingham Enlightening Word (Chinese) Church do have youth and energy on their side. Their contribution of a medley of Christmas songs in the carol service was a breath of fresh air. Their help in the Peace Garden is also much appreciated when our backs give out. The hand bells introduction to the same carol service, by the bellringing team, was another special moment. There was almost too much energy at the Women of Faith concert with Freddie Kofi. The whole place was buzzing. The bonfire party brought an unexpected band of locals with gifts of food and fireworks. There followed a call to the office, from a person who had attended the bonfire, in appreciation of the community spirit they found in our church. But they were the community spirit - it arrived with them.

So, what of the old, narrow and shallow? Behind, around and within it all the activity we stick to what we know. We clean and tidy, make tea and coffee and decorate. All to offer up this much loved space and serve.

Lorraine Smedley

OUR NEW ORDINAND ON PLACEMENT: TRACEY BYRNE

We extend a warm welcome to the parish to Tracey Byrne, who is here on an informal placement as part of her ordination training. Tracey is a Southwell ordinand on the Oxford Ministry Course at Cuddesdon. She is studying part time whilst running the organisation 'OneBodyOneFaith', and hopes to go into full time ministry after ordination. Tracey lives in Newark with her partner Sandy, a teacher, and is a worshipper at Mary Magdalene's church there. She has worked in social work and the voluntary sector, and more recently as a university chaplain in Lincoln and a hospital chaplain at King's Mill in Mansfield. Tracey is looking forward to getting to know us and enjoying our worship; she's hoping we can help her get used to the idea of being an ordinand!



NEWS FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH

As we look back on another busy Christmas, it is important to take stock and appreciate the tremendous outreach that was achieved over this period. At the Christmas Eve Carol Service alone, we welcomed nearly 500 people through the doors, including 60 children - it was a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

Indeed, whilst many traditional churches are struggling to engage with the younger generation, ours is beginning to welcome children back into the heart of our worship. The monthly Family Service is going from strength to strength - the children really enjoy being together and having the opportunity to learn and play, whilst gaining a sense of appreciation for the sacred space they are in. The croissants go down very well too!

The Children's Corner is well used now too - and sometimes rather hectic! The number of these children coming from within the ranks of the choir is ever increasing - seven babies have been born to choir parents in the last three years, with the newest addition arriving last September. The singing group (open to all children) soon to start in the St James' Room will be a fun activity for all of them to enjoy together during the service.

As we settle into the new year, it is safe to say that there is much to be grateful for at St Peter's - not least the young people we are so lucky to have as part of our church family.

Adele Siepmann

MOTHERS' UNION

11th February

Danielle Brown will be speaking at the morning service at St Peter's about the Mothers' Union from a younger perspective.

17th February

Mothers' Union Monthly Meeting - Anne Hardy is coming to tell us about a pilgrimage that she and Mildred Penfold made to Santiago Compostello. Everyone is welcome at this or any of our meetings, we meet at 10am at All Saints Church for tea/coffee and the talk begins at 10.30am. We finish by 12noon.

Mothering Sunday

'Give a Gift That Helps Mothers Bloom'. There is a small Mothers' Union catalogue at the back of Church showing gifts from £6 which can help vulnerable or marginalised mothers around the world. Gifts must be ordered by 28th February.

Lent

'Where were you when I needed you most?
Seeing, reflecting, acting:
our response to acute need in the community'

A series of five talks for Lent at St Peter's Church, Nottingham
Wednesdays at 1.00 pm (tea/coffee & sandwiches from 12.30)

We usually see only what we want to see or expect to see, and tend to reach the same conclusions we have always reached. These talks will explore new ways of seeing and reflecting so that our actions correspond to the vision of a world based on love, mercy and justice to which Christ calls us.

- 21st February: Colin Wignall (The Trussell Trust)
28th February: Alice McGregor (ex-Transforming Notts Together)
7th March: Maggie Jones (Refugee Forum)
14th March: Ruth Shelton (Theologian & Poet)
21st March: Alistair Paylor (Emmanuel House)

During Lent copies of selected chapters from the book Radical Jesus by Dr John Vincent of the Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield, will be available in the churches, for personal study and reflection. There will be a series of four evening discussion meetings about the Lent talks and the texts from Radical Jesus at The Rectory, 24 Pelham Crescent, Nottingham NG7 1AW; these will take place on Thursdays 22nd February and 1st, 8th and 15th March from 6.30 - 8.00 pm.

Vicar or Rector?

Readers may have noticed that following the separation of the parishes, my title of 'Vicar' has been replaced by 'Rector'. I am amused to note that this is now the third title which has been given to me since I came to the parish in 2009 (the first being 'Priest in charge'). Just to confuse everyone, I may also be described, in legal terms, as the incumbent of the parish, although I don't encourage readers to address me using that term (I can assure you that 'Good morning, Incumbent' wouldn't go down very well). Given the admirable breadth of the Church of England, however, I do take it for granted that I may be called anything and everything from 'Father' to 'Pastor' or 'Padre' (but do note that it is not grammatically correct to refer to a clergyperson as 'a Reverend').

A Rector was traditionally the incumbent of a parish in which he (and it was always 'he') was entitled to keep the tithes given by parishioners. A 'Vicar' was the incumbent of a parish in which the tithes were passed elsewhere (for example to a religious house, or a lay person). Sometimes, alternatively, a vicar was a clergyman who deputised for another, serving the parish on their behalf ('vicariously'). St Peter's had a Rector before the merger with St Mary's; it is now possible for this title to be brought back into use (although I don't expect to receive any tithes!).

Christopher Harrison

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A new Bible Study group has recently been started, which meets every Thursday from 12.15 – 1.00 pm in the St James' room at St Peter's Church (through the doors beneath the organ pipes). The discussions over the coming weeks will continue to focus on the Gospel of St John; the sessions will be mainly led by Rev Christopher Harrison, but with some sessions led by Rev Dr Richard Davey.

Studying the Bible together does not require prior knowledge; you may be at the beginning of your Christian journey, or you may have been on this journey for many years. Perhaps you may have gone in a different direction for some time, and wish to explore coming back. In our discussions we listen respectfully to the contributions and questions which each person makes, recognising also that sometimes there are complex and difficult areas of Scripture which we may never fully understand.

All are warmly invited to attend the group; new members are welcome at any time. Contact the Rector or the parish office for more information, or just come along on any Thursday.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday 3rd February	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert Hugh Millington, guitar	St Peter's
Sunday 4th	8.15am 10.30am 10.45am 5.00pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Matins* Responses <i>Tomkins</i> Psalm 104.26-37 Te Deum in G <i>Vaughan Williams</i> The truth from above <i>Vaughan Williams</i> Holy Communion with prayers for healing	St Peter's All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Monday 5th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 6th	10.00am 1.15pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion	All Saints' St Peter's
Wednesday 7th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 8th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Music in the Chancel Luke Green, harpsichord	All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Friday 9th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 10th	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert Members of 'The String Fellowes'	St Peter's
Sunday 11th	8.15am 9.45am 10.30am 10.45am 5.00pm	Holy Communion Family Service Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist Evensong* Responses <i>Ayleward</i> Psalm 2 Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in G <i>Stanford</i> O nata lux <i>Tallis</i>	St Peter's St Peter's All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Monday 12th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 13th	10.00am 1.15pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Pancake Party St Peter's Coffee Room	All Saints' St Peter's
Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday	9.00am 12.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Sung Eucharist with the imposition of ashes* Mass for four voices <i>Byrd</i> Miserere mei <i>Purcell</i> The Lent Prose Remember not Lord our offences <i>Purcell</i>	All Saints' All Saints' St Peter's

Thursday 15th	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Music in the Chancel Luke Green, harpsichord	All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Friday 16th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 17th	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert St Peter's Choir, Southwell Minster Chorale saraBande	St Peter's
Sunday 18th	8.15am 10.30am 10.45am 4.30pm 5.00pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist* Kyrie & Agnus Dei for four voices <i>Byrd</i> Psalm 25.1-9 In ieiunio et fletu <i>Tallis</i> Homelessness Memorial Service Taizé Service	St Peter's All Saints' St Peter's All Saints' St Peter's
Monday 19th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 20th	10.00am 1.15pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion	All Saints' St Peter's
Wednesday 21st	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 22nd	9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	All Saints' St Peter's
Friday 23rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Saturday 24th	11.00am	Coffee Break Concert Ed Hodgkinson, piano	St Peter's
Sunday 25th	8.15am 10.30am 10.45am 5.00pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Sung Eucharist* Kyrie <i>Mendelssohn</i> Psalm 22.23-31 Agnus Dei XI Verleih uns Frieden <i>Mendelssohn</i> Compline* (choral scholars) O Lord the maker of al thing <i>Mundy</i> Kyrie in four voices <i>Byrd</i> 'Short' Nunc dimittis <i>Tallis</i> Ave regina caelorum <i>Philips</i>	St Peter's All Saints' St Peter's St Peter's
Monday 26th	1.15pm	Meditation	St Peter's
Tuesday 27th	10.00am 1.15pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion	All Saints' St Peter's
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
Thursday 1st March	9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	All Saints' St Peter's
Friday 2nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'

Mothers' Union - Mary Sumner's Footsteps

Every year, Mothers' Union has an annual theme that focuses members' prayers and actions on particular aspects of our work and faith. In 2018, In Mary Sumner's Footsteps calls us to focus on the example of our founder, Mary Sumner, and on the core principles of Mothers' Union: Listening to God and each other, and having determination to take steps of faith as we journey together in response to his call.

2018 is a significant year for Mothers' Union, with our triennial elections and the beginning of global conversations throughout the Provinces to inform our way ahead. As we look to the future we want to build on our heritage, and in particular, the life and vision of our founder.

Who was Mary Sumner? Mary Sumner was a woman of deep faith, with a heart for prayer and a determination to make a difference in the lives of others. She listened to God and acted upon his call. Contrary to what is often assumed, she was an older woman, a Grandmother, when she took the first steps which eventually led to the establishment of Mothers' Union. She was not a natural speaker, but quiet and diffident. However, her faith and resolve to follow God's call to make a difference to families and society, laid the foundations for today's worldwide movement.

In 1876, she founded "the Union of Mothers" – with a membership card and promise: "to be given up, body and soul, to Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism, and that your duty is to train your children for his service".

Mary Sumner's Prayer:

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

Music Matters

Peter Siepmann

The Choir of St Peter's enjoys regular concert performances alongside the regular *opus Dei* of the church, and in February we are pleased to be collaborating again with the Southwell Minster Chorale (the cathedral's voluntary choir), this time to perform Johannes Brahms's famous *Ein Deustches Requiem* - surely one of the greatest works of the choral repertoire.

Brahms the composer was not an 'early bloomer', so intimidated was he by the legacy of Beethoven's epoch-changing genius and innovation; indeed (extraordinarily, given its physical and emotional scale), the Requiem was in fact Brahms's first major composition, written when he was only in his thirties (his first symphony didn't appear for another decade). The orchestration of the Requiem is typically Romantic, calling for large wind and brass sections as well as a large body of strings, organ and harp. To balance these sumptuous orchestral forces, the work is usually performed with a choir of a hundred or more voices.

Interestingly though, Brahms also prepared a version of the work to be performed as a piano duet. This version also incorporates the vocal parts, suggesting that it was intended as a self-contained version, probably for at-home use. However, the vocal parts can also be omitted, making the duet version an acceptable substitute accompaniment for choir and soloists. This version has found popularity in recent years, bringing the work into the realms of possibility for smaller choirs. Performances with piano, however, do seem to lack the richness, colour and sustain of the long lines that characterise Brahms's style. This led musical polymath Iain Farrington (commissioned, coincidentally, by our friend and colleague at St Mary's Newark, Director of Music Dr Stephen Bullamore) to create an arrangement of the accompaniment that, whilst keeping the piano at the core of the ensemble, adds six other instrumentalists to create a satisfying and Brahmsian texture, retaining much of the original orchestration.



Brahms in 1865 – the year he started work on the Requiem

This arrangement gives choirs wanting to perform the work on a smaller scale the opportunity to do so, but with some of the variety and colour of the orchestral version. An intriguing prospect, I hope you will agree, and I would be fascinated to hear what you think. The work will be performed at the Coffee Break Concert on Saturday 17th February and then repeated the following evening in Southwell.

Overseas Committee

Dorothy Mountford, Chair

There is a longstanding tradition in our parish of support for people and projects overseas, and this support has two main strands. One is the support of the work of three International Societies: Christian Aid, Church Missionary Society (CMS) and USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel). Our involvement with these societies not only involves an annual contribution from Parish Funds but also involves the Overseas Committee in fundraising and personal support.

This year Christian Aid Week is 13th-19th May. There will be coffee and cakes on sale after the morning service in St Peter's on Sunday 13th May. This year's USPG Lent Study Course 'All Things Are Possible' explores how Anglicans worldwide are supporting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Our CMS partners are prayed for weekly in our churches and we send personal and financial support to them and their family

The other aspect of our work is fund raising for individual project both large and small. Over the past 4 years the Overseas Committee have supported the following:

CARF UK: Children at Risk Foundation CARF is a registered UK charity which raises funds to transform the marginalized community of Eldorado, Diadema in São Paulo, Brazil. All funds go to support the work of an activity centre from which art, education, youth empowerment and economic development projects are run. These projects work directly with hundreds of deprived and abused children, keeping them from the streets, and also reach thousands more through outreach work.

Phase Nepal: to support the work of restoration after the earth quake in 2015

Mercy Ships: the takings from our annual Easter Breakfast always go towards the work of the hospital ships which sail off the coast of West Africa to provide free lifesaving surgeries for people where medical care is nearly non-existent.

Our remit is very wide ranging from instigating retiring collections for major disasters to our simple 'Spend a Penny for a Month of Sundays' initiative, when we promised to match fund the money raised from the donation of people's loose change to the Toilet Twinning. We had a marvellous response and were able to support the installation of 7 toilets worldwide through this venture. Pictures of our twinned toilets can be seen in the facilities in our churches and the coffee room.

This year we have a simple fundraising event - the Silver Smarties appeal. Just ask one of the committee for a box of Smarties, which you are free to consume - all we ask is that you return the tube to us filled with as many 20p pieces as you can afford.

Our next event is the Annual Parish Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February 6.30pm in the Coffee Room at St Peter's. So please do come along and join with others as we engage in this traditional entry into Lent.

Music in the Chancel

A new series of intimate lunchtime concerts

JS Bach: The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1
A complete performance in three concerts

Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th February 2018, 1pm

Luke Green, harpsichord

Concerts will last about forty minutes. Admission free, with retiring collection.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Paradise Tree

Personal Prayer through Poetry

by John Davey

The Paradise Tree is a beautiful devotional companion about the experience of God and giving expression to our inner spirituality.

A creative mixture of poetry, prose and scripture, this book will challenge preconceptions about the nature of God, heaven, hell, intercessory prayer, and the relevance of human existence within the vastness of an unfathomable universe.

This book is about personal discipleship and giving witness to the presence of God to the world around us. It is about finding within our inner being the meaning of life itself and about our future destiny. To do this we need to reflect upon the life and witness of a man who lived two thousand years ago and who, by his life of personal sacrifice to the needs of others in the name of love, gave visible expression to the reality and being of God, in the everyday life of humankind.

God is not someone somewhere out there in the vast expanse of the universe, but far closer to home; he is in our very heart and innermost being.

To Jesus Christ the key was given to open the portal to the secret garden of our longing, and that key was love. But his was no ordinary love; it was a sacrificial love that reunited us with our creator, into fellowship with our neighbour, and with all that was, is, and ever will be.

'The Paradise Tree' is available to purchase from the St Peter's Fairtrade Shop

Poem - 'Jesus loves you'

This poem was written last summer by **Ann Parker** of St Peter's Church, in reaction to the tragic death of a young homeless man. The event led Ann to think further about the homeless, whether they had anybody to mourn or miss them when they died, and the wide and sometimes difficult concept of love.

'Jesus loves you.' Oh God,
not another nutter! What does that mean,
beyond syrupy smiles and a, maybe forced,
conviction? What does it mean to those
whose parents knocked them about
or ran off and left them? Where is love in that?
In drugs, drink, sex? Wanting to get out
of your head – and ending in somewhere
worse? Is this all it is? Love as violence
or resentment?

Or what of those whose parents died young?
Not their fault, of course, but doesn't loving
in this sense, mean abandonment?
And what of those brought up so nicely,
'loved' to suffocation. Over protected.
Anxious parents, 'what will the neighbours say?
I was so worried.' No outlet, No escape –.
Except to clear out and pretend to die.

Jesus asked his disciple Peter, (the saint
of this church), 'Do you love me?'
Can we ask God the same question?
Hear his answer as the priest says, God loves
You, and realize that this isn't temporally,
occasionally, possessively or anxiously.
Lord, show us how you love us. All of us,
each of us, according to our needs.
According to your universal
cosmic God-ness.

Family Services at St Peter's

The monthly Family Service at St Peter's has now been going for just over a year, and usually takes place on the second Sunday of the month at 9.45 am. The next service will be on Sunday 11th February - all are welcome, from the very young to the very old. The services are generally led by Helen Hall and/or Esther Elliott.

After the Service, the children and grown-ups adjourn to the Coffee Room for light refreshments, (coffee, juice and croissants) followed by fun activities linked to the theme of the Service. Anne Hardy, who co-ordinates the activities in the Coffee Room, writes:

In Lent we made caterpillars and butterflies to support the idea of changing for the better. After the story of the Tower of Babel, we had fun making towers, using flower pots, which soon crashed to the ground, but supported the idea you could talk to God anywhere.

On other occasions we made simple musical instruments, dressed up for making a journey, created crowns and star mobiles for Epiphany and peg doll babies for Moses in the bulrushes, painted eggs at Easter, made Creation gardens, and used windmills for the breath of God, plus making streamers at Pentecost in red, orange and yellow for tongues of fire. All these activities are made possible by the commitment of the three stalwart helpers, Eileen, Dianne and Bridgett, plus the generous support of members of St. Peter's congregation who always respond to our appeals for materials, (ribbons, yoghurt pots and coat hangers, etc.)

Each month our numbers vary as we regularly welcome new families. Some of the parents of the very young are happy to sit and socialise making new friends, whilst the parents of the older children are pleased to join in with the activities and have some fun too, as hopefully that's what the Coffee Room time is about!"

Prayers for February

James Saxton

'The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away' John Ellerton

During this period let us pray for all the things that weigh us down – personal concerns, and concerns for our neighbours and for the world, and for this newly formed parish.

For those parts of the world where there is war and conflict – for countless refugees longing for a good and safe place to be, especially refugees forced from Mynnmar and the ongoing Middle East conflicts. For all who are caught up in the darkness of despair, and disease.

For this newly formed Parish - for a new sense of vision and purpose and service in Christ.

Guide and defend all those who work in this parish. We pray for those who are facing unemployment, or redundancy (and at this time those who face uncertainty after the collapse of Carillion).

Our prayers are with those who suffer because of any form of illness, or abuse, or are confused and puzzled - let there be deep healing, let there be deep consolation. 'Let there be angels, in divine and human form, to help hold together the broken bits of lives, to listen to stories...to light a candle rather than curse the darkness...and may we all resolve to revere this fragile earth rather than abuse it...to enable developing nations rather than indebt them, and to claim your presence rather than fear God's absence....'

We pray for those who have died – especially Myra Chilvers, who was for many years a regular member of the St Peter's congregation. Myra passed away on 13th January aged 94. We remember her with affection and gratitude.

We pray for Andrew Wallis, former Reader in this parish, who begins his Ordination training this month in New Zealand.

And we all pray for a sense of holiness as we prepare for the Lenten Season, and journey towards Resurrection and Easter.

Regular Activities in our Churches

All Saints'

- Community Coffee Morning (part of the Places of Welcome network): Tuesdays from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Women of Faith activities and lunch, first Thursday of every month from 11.00 am – 1.30 pm
- Mothers' Union: Third Saturday of every month, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- The All Saints' Drama Club meets from time to time to prepare and present short dramatic items
- Series of 'Saturday Matinee' film showings take place at 2.00 pm from time to time
- The Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers (Bell Ringers): Tuesdays in term time, 7.00 – 8.30 pm
- The Nottingham New Enlightening Word Church (Chinese) meets in All Saints' Church on Sundays from 2.00 - 4.00 pm and on Friday evenings from 7.30 pm.

St Peter's:

- Rough Sleepers' Drop-in: Wednesdays from 11.00 am – 12.30 pm
- Gateway Drop-in for anyone with particular mental health needs: Wednesdays from 1.30 – 3.30 pm
- The Thursday communion service at 11.00 is followed by coffee and fellowship
- Bible Study group: Thursdays from 12.15 – 1.00 pm
- St Peter's Bell Ringers: Thursdays 7.00 – 9.00 pm

The parish Overseas Committee and the Caring for our Common Home working group meet from time to time to plan activities relating to their areas of concern; please contact the Rector if you would like to know more about these.

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